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SUBJ: ECONOMIC COMMITTEE: FUTURE WORK PROGRAM: INTRA-WEST TOPICS

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1. MISSION REPORTED IN REFTEL D THAT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE WILL ON NOVEMBER 8 DISCUSS INTRA-WEST TOPICS FOR FUTURE WORK PROGRAM AS LISTED IN PARA 2 REFTEL A.

2. MISSION IN NO WAY WISHES TO HASTEN DEPARTMENT'S CONSIDERATION OF REFTEL C. RELATIONSHIP OF NATO TO NORTH ATLANTIC ECONOMIC RELATIONS OBVIOUSLY DOES NOT REQUIRE FINAL DECISION BY NOVEMBER 8 ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETING.

3. HOWEVER, MISSION BELIEVES THAT EVEN UNDER THE STANDARDS SET FORTH IN REFTEL B, WHICH DEPARTMENT SENT WITHOUT BENEFIT OF RATIONALE IN REFTEL C, THERE IS ONE ADDITIONAL INTRA-WESTERN TOPIC TO WHICH U.S. COULD AGREE ON NOVEMBER 8. TOPIC VI (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES) IS OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO NATO ALLIES. NO OTHER ORGANIZATION IN WHICH U.S. PARTICIPATES STUDIES ECONOMIES OF NON-NATO MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES, OR THEIR ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH NATO COUNTRIES, FROM VIEWPOINT OF THE ALLIES. WE RECOGNIZE SPANISH ECONOMY IS STUDIED IN OECD, BUT PROPOSED ECONOMIC COMMITTEE TOPIC WOULD EMPHASIZE NON-ALIGNED MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES. ECONOMIC COMMITTEE WORK IN THIS AREA WOULD COMPLEMENT LARGELY POLITICAL-MILITARY WORK OF NATO AD HOC GROUP ON THE MEDITERRANEAN.

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4. ACTION REQUESTED: MISSION REQUESTS DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL
OF THIS TOPIC PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 8 MEETING. RUMSFELD

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